

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 16-24.

In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants wish to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicants submit that each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-15 and 25-33 will have been canceled, without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter. Also, the preamble of the dependent claims, claims 17-24, will have been amended to correct informalities in the claim language, while not substantially affecting or narrowing the scope of these claims.

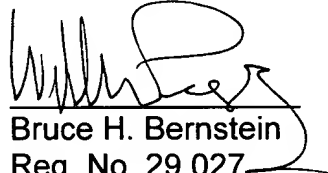
In the above-referenced Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 25-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,366,577 to DONOVAN. The Examiner rejected claims 8-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DONOVAN.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections, as set forth in the Official Action of May 19, 2005. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicants have canceled all rejected claims,

claims 1-15 and 25-33, without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Reply or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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